



Tuesday, February 23, 2021

1:00-2:30 PM

Virtual

Council Members: Michele Blake, Kimberly Butcher, Lena Webb, Paul Tupaz, Ericka Summers, Kathy Woods, Leslie Cena, Denice Burbach, Adrienne Maloney, Jodie Keller, Jennifer Ybarra, Julie Price, and Kristi Johnson

Council Members Absent: Fawn Uebershear, Ivona Mikesell, Michelle Lightle

Council Staff: Tonya Byers, Matt Eddy

Guests: Rita Baker, Sarah Kotko

Meeting called to order at 1:02 PM by Leslie Cena.

I. Introductions

II. General Information Sharing

None at this time.

III. Approve January Council Minutes - Action Item

Motion to Approve: Paul Tupaz

Second: Denice Burbach

Motion Carried

IV. Reports

A. Standing Committees

1. Quality Improvement and Capacity Building

Denice shared that QICB met on February 10th, there was no quorum so no action was taken. The Keys to Quality Workforce Pathways was discussed. The committee reviewed the proposed reallocation of slots in response to the applicant waiting list. The committee agreed that there needs to be flexibility in that funding. There is a state QCC meeting on March 12, 2021, and a regional meeting on February 24, 2021. The Spring Conference on March 13th was discussed including the presenter, Dr. Rosemary Allen, and that the event will be free of charge. CDE Management Bulletins and updated CSPP enrollment criteria were discussed. The committee members also discussed the possibility of a hold harmless for state funded programs next year, as there are expected ongoing enrollment issues into the fall.

2. Public Policy

Tonya discussed that Public Policy met on February 9th and discussed budget updates, the budget process, and trailer bill language. The committee reviewed a study from UC Berkley providing information gathered from approximately 4000 providers responding to an April survey about the pandemic and its effect on providers across the diverse ECE

delivery system. Pending legislation and hearings were discussed. The committee also reviewed the National Women’s Law Center Playbook for Gender Justice.

3. Executive Steering

Leslie shared that the Executive Steering committee met on February 23, 2021, where they discussed membership openings: a Discretionary slot open in Sutter County, a Community Representative slot open in Yuba County, and a Parent Consumer slot open in both counties.

B. Keys to Quality

1. Keys to Quality QCC Program– Update

Tonya discussed that there are some upcoming regional and state meetings. Locally staff are continuing to move forward with engaging sites to ensure that everyone is receiving similar and consistent levels of service. With the end of the program year approaching, staff will be connecting with sites and will be making determinations about site grants and materials grants that need to get out to programs.

2. 2020-2021 Workforce Pathways Stipend Program Slot Reallocation– Action Item

a. The Council discussed the proposed reallocation of slots to utilize funds across Yuba, Sutter, and Colusa Counties following recommendations from both the Keys to Quality consortia and the QICB committee.

Motion to Approve: Adrienne Maloney

Second: Kristi Johnson

Motion Carried

Abstain: Jodie Keller, Lena Webb

3. Spring Conference Event – Update

Tonya shared that the contract was sent to Dr. Rosemary Allen, as she will be presenting at the Spring Conference on March 13, 2021. There will be a flyer with event details and registration information available soon.

C. Budget Update

1. Review Year to Date LPC Expenses

Tonya shared the LPC expense summary reports, and discussed \$4000 in additional funds which may be utilized towards initial survey work for the 2022-2027 Needs Assessment process.

D. Update on First 5 Commissions

1. Sutter CFC

Michele discussed that COVID vaccinations are now available for ECE providers. Emergency funding is still available in Sutter County for families impacted by COVID. Digital tools are still available through the Packard Foundation funding. On February 25, 2021, there will be an oral health distribution drive through event from 3:00-5:00 PM in collaboration with Sutter County Public Health. There are two new commissioners, Supervisor Michael Ziegenmeyer and Sutter County Chief Probation Officer Nicole Ritner. Sutter County Families Commission was selected to receive an ACES Aware planning grant totaling \$233,000 to assist in mitigating toxic stress responses, build resilience and limit intergenerational transfer of ACES.

2. First 5 Yuba

Ericka discussed the upcoming commission meeting on February 25, 2021 at 3:30 PM, where there will be a vote to finalize the strategic plan and release of funding for RFPs in alignment with the strategic plan. On March 29, 2021 there will be a collaboration with Peach Tree mobile dental clinic.

V. New Business

None at this time.

VI. Old Business

A. 2019-2020 Sutter & Yuba County Funding Landscape- Update

Tonya discussed the challenges of gathering data from programs within the current pandemic climate. Tonya will continue to reach out regarding data for the 2019-20 landscape document.

B. CCPC Needs Assessment/COVID Survey - Update

Tonya noted the current Needs Assessment ends in 2022. Council funds could be used for upcoming survey work. Survey work is typically done in the community with families. Additional survey work with providers focusing on the pandemic would also be a priority. The Council already approved the utilization of funds for survey work. Council members support this continued process.

VII. Report from Staff

A. CA Child Care Union Update

Tonya discussed SB93. This Trailer Bill reflects the tentative agreement with the Governor and would appropriate \$402 million dollars in one time federal childcare development block funds. The money would be allocated in the following ways: \$244 million dollars for one time provider pandemic relief stipends; \$76 million dollars to extend the childcare alternative payment vouchers for essential workers who are currently receiving child care services; \$80 million dollars to expand childcare alternative payment voucher access to new essential workers; authority for an additional sixteen paid nonoperational days for voucher based providers that would be retroactive from September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The Council discussed the appropriation of \$110 million dollars in Federal Corona Relief related to childcare: \$80 million dollars for emergency childcare allocated to expand and extend emergency child care and to address agency overearnings for school age children; \$30 million dollars to pay providers for fees in regards to school aged children needing care while distance learning.

B. CDSS Transition Plan

Tonya discussed the first release of the CDSS Transition Plan. Many Early Learning programs are transitioning over to California Department of Social Services on July 1, 2021. CDSS has offered assurances that they are planning for a smooth and effective transition with review of programs following the transition process.

C. LAO- 2021-22 Budget: Child Care Proposals

Tonya discussed that the LAO noted the CDE-CDSS Transition is costing more than its original budget. The Governor's budget reflects that there are some additional expenses and new positions required.

D. Children Now – County Scorecard of Children's Wellbeing

Tonya discussed the Yuba and Sutter County Scorecards, comparing to state wide averages and ranking based on several indicators within health, education, and child welfare,.

E. Children Now – Impact of COVID on Children's Wellbeing

Tonya discussed a graphic focusing on the impacts of COVID on children's wellbeing. The graphic provides data on economic insecurity, child abuse and neglect. It shows that child abuse calls are down 28% from April to August compared to the previous year, likely due to the pandemic reducing contacts between families, schools, and other agencies.

F. Region 9 Head Start Federal Recommendations

Tonya and Jodie discussed the document from Region 9 Head Start addressing the recommendation for increased funding for Head Start due to the small percentage of children receiving those services in California. Early Head Start is serving less than 10% of eligible children from birth to age three while Head Start serves less than 50% of eligible three and four year olds. Also discussed is the desire to dedicate funding for salary increases for staff so that they are compensated in parity with the TK-12 workforce. There is additional advocacy for the adjustment to eligibility criteria for areas with a higher cost of living and minimum wage.

G. Federal 2022 Budget Resolution

Tonya discussed that on February 8, 2021, the House released a draft for a budget reconciliation bill that provides \$39 billion dollars for childcare stabilization and \$1 billion dollars for Head Start.

VIII. Good of the Order

Denise shared that the Sac State Early Childhood BA cohort will be having an orientation on February 25, 2021 at 6:30 PM for anyone that is interested in enrolling for Fall 2021. Jodie shared that the E Center will be hosting a free International Women's Day forum event on March 8, 2021 at 11:30 AM. Tonya discussed that the Governor and Legislature have proposals for school reopening'. Adrienne shared a list of events that Family Soup has planned in the coming weeks.

IX. Adjournment

Denice Burbach motions to adjourn meeting at 2:27 PM
Second: Jodie Keller

X. Next Meeting: March 23, 2021

Standing Committee Information

Public Policy Committee

Members: *Ericka Summers, Jodie Keller, Adrienne Maloney, and Julie Price.

Next meeting: Second Tuesday of each month, 10:30-12 Noon.

Quality Improvement & Capacity Building Committee

Members: Denice Burbach*, Kathy Woods, Fawn Ueberschaer, Michelle Lightle, Karen Woods, and Jennifer Ybarra.

Next meeting: Second Wednesday of each month, 1:00-2:30 PM

Executive Steering Committee

Members: Leslie Cena*, Lena Webb, Kristi Johnson, Paul Tupaz, Ivona Mikesell, Kimberly Butcher, and Michele Blake.

Next meeting: Fourth Tuesday of each month, 12:00-1:00 PM

*Committee Chairs